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	First Inventor or Application Identifier	John K. Eckl
	Title	BILLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC AND PRINTED DISTRIBUTION
	Express Mail Label No.	EK794132917US

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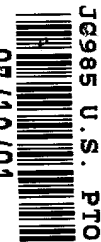
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: John K. Eckl

For: BILLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC AND PRINTED DISTRIBUTION

Enclosed are:

Eleven (11) pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

One (1) sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

An Information Disclosure Statement.

A Recordation of Assignment Request and an Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700.


Fees calculated as follows:

Basic Fee							\$ 710.00
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